

**WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
6:30 P.M.**

Thursday, August 6, 2009

District Office

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President of the Board, Ish Medina

1.2 ROLL

Present were Board Members: Sue Abe, Wayne Bishop, Ish Medina, Nicole Crabb, and Denis O'Connor.

Others present: Superintendent Debra Pearson, Jodie Jacklett, Angela Gouker, Tamara Johnson, Brenda Harter, Jordan Bethany Morrow, Patrick Matthews Leann Weldon, Sue Snyder, Paula Lamb, Lisa Carter, Melissa Luevano, Alisa Bradbury, Cory Garcia, Susan Lund, Kathleen Sisk, Paul Boylan, and Connie Walczak.

1.3 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA –

Action Item – 09/10-01

Ms. Pearson asked that Action Item 6.6 be eliminated.

Sue Abe asked why the board packets were hand delivered on Tuesday. Connie Walczak explained that the packets were completed on Friday, July 31, 2009 after 5PM. Ms. Walczak stated that she was waiting for confirmation on an agenda item by Mr. Boylan and Ms. Pearson. She postmarked the packets at the district office and took them home with her. After receiving the call from Ms. Pearson about 6PM that the agenda item was good to go, she drove the packets to the Marysville Post Office. Ms. Walczak stated that she has called the postmaster in Wheatland (Kathy) several times this week to ask about their whereabouts. On Tuesday, Ms. Walczak made copies of the board meeting packet and hand delivered it to each board member. Ms. Walczak apologized to the board for the delay.

A. Be it resolved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2009 were approved.

It was MSC (Crabb-O'Connor) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2009. Sue Abe abstained.

B. The Board did not approve the Special Board Meeting minutes for June 30, 2009. Sue Abe stated that the minutes that were submitted did not reflect the discussions that took place at the June 30th meeting. Connie Walczak explained that she was not at the June 30th board training. Ms. Abe stated that there was a long discussion regarding the bond. Ms. Abe stated that she thought she had distributed a memo from the Yuba County Board of

Supervisors at the meeting. Ms. Abe reported that she and Wayne Bishop met with Jim Kennedy, the Yuba County Tax Assessor. She stated that they were informed at that meeting that if the bonds were issued at this time, that it would cost the District approximately \$240,000. She said at that time, time was of the essence. If the District had proceeded at that time, there would be no going back. Ms. Abe stated that Mr. Kennedy told her and Mr. Bishop that he had contacted the District on several occasions regarding the bond. She further stated that Mr. Kennedy and Dan Meirzwa called to tell Debbie these concerns. Wayne Bishop said that Mr. Meirzwa had called him to let him know the bond would be going to pricing before the next scheduled board meeting after which the board would not be able to prevent or postpone the bond sale. Mr. Bishop relayed this information to Ms. Pearson who told him she would be postponing the bond sale pending further instructions from the board. Ms. Abe stated that Mr. Kennedy also said that after several attempts to contact the bond company, that he put his concerns in writing which was something he had not felt compelled to do in previous bond sales he has worked on. None of the discussion that took place at the board workshop was recorded or reported on. She said that accurate information needs to be reported. She does not want this to happen again. Ms. Pearson stated that as soon as Ms. Walczak does the rough draft to reconstruct those minutes that she will fax them to Ms. Abe for approval.

Wayne Bishop stated that he agreed with everything that Ms. Abe said. However, he did not recall Ms. Abe handing out a memo from the Yuba County Supervisors at the June 30th meeting. Mr. Bishop also was not positive that the amount discussed with Mr. Kennedy was \$240,000.

Sue Abe asked Ms. Pearson why a bond presentation was not listed as an agenda item tonight. Ms. Pearson stated that she had spoken to the Board President and since tonight's meeting would be a long one, that she thought that the September or October meeting would be a better time. Ms. Abe said that this was the second time that the board has requested a presentation by the county treasurer and Dale Scott and Company. Sue Abe stated that she did not know what the rules or policy and procedure was for taking an item off of the agenda. Ish Medina stated that as the Board President, that he has the discretion to make that decision. Mr. Medina stated that he decided this because it was agreed upon that the bond be suspended for a year. He said that having this discussion at a later time would be better because of the long list of items for tonight's meeting. Ms. Abe stated that it is important to be educated by Mr. Kennedy and Dale Scott's group. Ms. Abe stated that had she and Mr. Bishop not met with Mr. Kennedy's office, that the District would have been involved in a \$240,000 expense. Ms. Abe asked the other board members if they are comfortable that there are no other skeletons in

the closet. Ish Medina said that yes, he is confident of that. She reiterated that the only reason that the board now has the information is because she and Wayne met with Jim Kennedy.

Ish Medina stated that Ms. Pearson had learned of the same information at about the same time. Mr. Medina stated that Ms. Pearson had not had the opportunity to share it with the board. Mr. Medina said that according to Ms. Pearson, she had planned to make the recommendation to postpone the issuance of the bonds.

Nicole Crabb stated that the community needs to be informed of the decisions made about the bond.

Denis O'Connor added that with the letter from Pat Furlong all concerns should be alleviated. Mr. O'Connor stated that he does not want to stir the pot, but the letter should ease concerns and they would not have written the letter had the information not been true. Taxes will not be levied on the community until the bonds are issued. Mr. O'Connor said that he can understand the concerns. Mr. O'Connor stated that at this time, with the information from Mr. Kennedy's office that he does not want to move forward with the bond.

Sue Abe stated that Mr. Kennedy and his assistant were concerned that the District would not get the biggest "bang for the buck" if we proceeded at this time. They said that the District would be over paying in areas that could be used for projects for the District.

Wayne Bishop stated that the last action item that was approved by the board was to sell the bonds.

Paul Boylan stated that the bond was not on the agenda and according to the Brown Act, it should not be discussed any further this evening.

It was MSCU (Abe-Crabb) to reject the minutes of the June 30, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board.

C. Approved Bills and Warrants

D. Be it resolved that the following Personnel activities were approved:

NEW HIRES:

Bartolomei, Katie	Preschool Assistant Teacher/Clerk 3.75 hrs.	7/1/2009	Presch
Harris, Rosetta	Preschool Assistant Teacher/Clerk 3.75 hrs.	7/1/2009	Presch
Helzer, Brooke	Preschool Teacher 8 hrs.	7/1/2009	Presch

Johnson, Michelle	Preschool Teacher 5 hrs.	7/1/2009	Presch
Pugh, Cindi	Vice Principal	7/13/2009	BR
Putnam, Robin	Preschool Assistant Teacher/Clerk 3.75 hrs.	7/27/2009	Presch
Williams, Amy	Preschool Assistant Teacher/Clerk 3.5 hrs.	8/25/2009	Presch

SEPARATION FROM SERVICE

Benz, Richard	District Technology Coordinator	7/5/2009	DO
Childers, Amy	Teacher	6/4/2009	BR
Graham, Donna	Para Educator	6/4/2009	WE
Johnson, Michelle	Preschool Teacher 5 hrs.	7/13/2009	Presch

PROMOTIONS:

Peters, Cindy	Preschool Teacher 8 hrs.	7/1/2009	Presch
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- F. Approved renewal of contract with Department of General Services for the Federal Surplus Property.
- G. Authorized Debra Pearson to file the application for Section 8003 (Impact Aid) Funds for 09/10.
- H. Approved the teaching agreement with Chapman College.
- I. Approved the Opportunity Class at Bear River School for the 09/10 School Year.
- J. Approved the June and July Payroll.
- I. Be it resolved that the Annual Review of the following Mandated Policies be noted as done:
 - (1) Certification of Competence in Evaluation (BP 4115 and AR 4115).
 - (2) Assistance of Probationary Certificated Employees (BP 4115 and AR 4115).
 - (3) Complaints Concerning Schools and School Personnel (BP 1312 - BP 1312.4 - all-inclusive).
- J. Be it resolved that the following staff be allowed to provide the services under BP 4115 and BP 4215 (Supervision/Evaluation of Staff):
 - Angela Gouker
 - Jodie Jacklett
 - Cindi Pugh
 - Debra Pearson

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) WESTA v. Wheatland School District

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:
one case.

Conference with Labor Negotiator – Paul Boylan
Discussion with Board to possibly receive instruction regarding ongoing
negotiations with CSEA and pending negotiations with WESTA.

3.0 OPEN SESSION – Returned to open session at 10:10

President of the Board, Ish Medina, reported that no action was taken in closed
session.

Wayne Bishop and Sue Abe left the meeting at this time.

4.0 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Ms. Pearson reported that the STAR testing results are in. The results
have been sent to Edusoft. They should be ready next week. At first
glance it appears that each site has maintained their previous scores.

Ms. Pearson stated that the old Wheatland Elementary site has had
numerous windows broke out. Patrick Matthews is in the process of
installing more cameras. And additional camera will be added to the Lone
Tree campus also.

Ms. Pearson shared the projected enrollment for the beginning of start of
the 2009/2010 school year. Currently, student enrollment is down by 127
students. Ms. Pearson stated that the District will need to bring back one
of the teachers that had been layed off.

Ms. Pearson reported that she and Tami Johnson have been busy
recalculating numbers all summer. The California budget has changed so

many times, that included cuts to education. The last calculation was a need to cut an additional \$319,000 to the Districts budget.

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Tami Johnson reported that “My School Bucks” should be ready by the first day of school for the students and parents. Ms. Johnson has been working with the Yuba County treasurer’s office. The Wheatland School District is the first school in the county to go through the treasurer’s office for this program. Hopefully, Marysville School District will do the same. The volume will lower our rates. Ms. Johnson stated that the District will only have online services. Parents and students will be able to pay for food services, Shady Creek, preschool fees, afterschool fees etc through “My School Bucks”.

4.2 ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Jodie Jacklett reported that the cleaning reorganization of the Lone Tree campus is moving along. She said that teachers have been on campus to prepare their rooms. Meetings with the teachers are scheduled for Monday, August 17th. Kindergarten Round-up is also scheduled for August 17th.

Angela Gouker reported that the Bear River/Wheatland Elementary move is complete. Ms. Gouker said that teachers have been on campus to set up their rooms. She said that the custodians and maintenance have done a great job. The playground is set up. Patrick Matthews is working on the update with technology. The teachers and students will enjoy virtual fieldtrips via the internet.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Ronna Eaton reported that her room looks great. There were no persons present having business with the Board that was not allowed for on the Agenda. There were no comments from the community.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 AUTHORIZED THE SUPERINTENDENT, DEBRA PEARSON TO FILE THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF NEED FOR EMERGENCY 30-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHING PERMIT - Action Item – 09/10-02

It was MSC (O’Connor-Crabb) to approve this action item.

6.2 APPROVED THE 30-DAY SUBSTITUTE CBEST WAIVER- Action Item – 09/10-03

It was MSC (O’Connor-Crabb) to approve this action item.

6.3 AUTHORIZED THE SUPERINTENDENT, DEBRA PEARSON TO FILE THE ANNUAL DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS – Action Item – 09/10-04

It was MSC (O'Connor-Crabb) to approve this action item.

6.4 APPROVED THE PETITIONS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE TEACHER LISTED TO TEACH OUTSIDE OF THEIR CREDENTIAL AREA – Action Item – 09/10-05

TEACHER	SCHOOL	CREDENTIAL	ASSIGNMENT
Sra, Sandep	Bear River	Multiple Subject; CLAD	6 th Grade Math
Williams, Jordan	Bear River	Multiple Subject; CLAD (<i>Bilingual</i>)	6 th Grade Science

It was MSC (Crabb-O'Connor) to approve this action item.

6.5 APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – Action Item- 09/10-06

It was MSC (Crabb-O'Connor) to approve this action item.

6.6 CERTIFICATED LAYOFFS-

This agenda item was removed from the agenda on the Consent Agenda.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Pearson
Superintendent
Wheatland School District

